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29 June 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF/PLANS DIVISION

SUBJECT: Comments of WE Division on Draft of Part One of OPC Strategic Plan (Provisional).

REFERENCE: T.S. 60815, dated 26 June 1951

1. This memorandum is concerned with aspects of the subject Draft which, in the opinion of this Division, should be modified or clarified to facilitate the Division's task of implementing the plan.

2. The allocation of priorities is confused. For example, on page 13, "Preparation for general war" is listed under Priority Four. On the other hand, on page 23, Section VII A 3, it is stated that top priority will be given to procurement of materiel to support covert operations in the event of general war. Further, there is little guidance as to the relative priorities between the tasks assigned by Areas (page 14 et seq.) and those assigned in the section headed "Important Tasks", beginning on page 20. *Here "important" not "order"*

3. The section headed "Phasing of Operations", page 12, appears to confuse priority between areas and priority of objectives within areas. Thus, while defense of France is given Priority One, the plan does not indicate whether defensive cold war operations or preparation for general war is to have first priority within France. *This is assumed in plan*

4. There is apparently an omission of explanatory material at the top of page 22. As this portion of the plan stands it is of little help.

5. Certain questions are raised by tasks assigned specifically to this Division in the "Important Tasks" section, beginning on page 20.

a. Task 1 b is to "establish at least one facility for the conduct of economic operations against local Communist organizations in each area". It is not clear whether the term area is intended to mean the Western European Area or whether it is intended that such a facility be established in each country in which there is a Communist party.

b. It is not clear whether the alternate facilities to be arranged under task 1 c are to be immediately established and activities transferred thereto; whether they are to be actually established, but held on a stand-by basis; or whether they are merely to be planned.


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c. A question with respect to task 1 d has already been raised in the reference memorandum.

d. Task 10 calls for the organization of an overseas echelon. Here again, it is believed that clarification is necessary, particularly with respect to the degree of organization now contemplated, the function of such headquarters, and a statement of the time at which it is contemplated such headquarters would assume direction of operations.

6. It is noted that there is not, in the plan, any assignment of responsibility for operations against the USSR from the North. If such operations are contemplated, responsibility for operational planning and support planning of such operations should be designated in the plan. Specifically, if WE Division has responsibility for supporting such operations, that fact should be spelled out.


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